USENIX notes

Election Results

The results of the elections for Board of Directors of the USENIX Association for the 2004–2006 term are as follows :

PRESIDENT
Mike Jones, *Microsoft Research*

VICE-PRESIDENT
Clem Cole, *Ammasso*

SECRETARY:
Alva Couch, *Tufts University*

TREASURER:
Theodore Ts'o, *IBM*

AT LARGE
Matt Blaze, *University of Pennsylvania*
Jon "maddog" Hall, *Linux International*
Geoff Halprin, *The SysAdmin Group*
Marshall Kirk McKusick, *Author and Consultant*

NOT ELECTED
John Nicholson, *Shaw Pittman LLP*
Brian Noble, *University of Michigan*

Newly elected directors will take office at the conclusion of the next regularly scheduled board meeting, which will be held June 27, 2004, in Boston, MA.

Summary of the USENIX Board of Directors Meetings

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The following is a summary of the actions taken by the USENIX Board of Directors from December 4, 2003, through March 2, 2004.

FINANCES
The final budget for fiscal year 2004 was approved.

CONFERENCES
The Board approved a proposal from David Culler to sponsor the First International Workshop on Real Large Distributed Systems (WORLDS), which will precede OSDI in 2004.

Registration fees for the 2004 USENIX Annual Technical Conference were approved as shown in the table on page 66.

ADVOCACY
In February 2004, the USENIX Board drafted a response letter to claims by the SCO Group, Inc. (who have initiated legal action against technology researchers

Event Type	Member	Nonmember	Student member	Student nonmember
Annual Technical Conference	1 day: $250 2 days: $450 3 days: $600 4 days: $700 5 days: $775	1 day: $350 2 days: $550 3 days: $700 4 days: $800 5 days: $875	1 day: $75 2 days: $145 3 days: $210 4 days: $270 5 days: $325	1 day: $105 2 days: $175 3 days: $240 4 days: $300 5 days: $355
Annual Technical Conference Training	1 day: $ 600 2 days: $1100 3 days: $1550 4 days: $1950 5 days: $2300 6 days: $2600	1 day: $600 2 days: $1100 3 days: $1550 4 days: $1950 5 days: $2300 6 days: $2600	1 day: $150 2 days: $300 3 days: $450 4 days: $600 5 days: $750 6 days: $900	1 day: $150 2 days: $300 3 days: $450 4 days: $600 5 days: $750 6 days: $900

and developers using open source code) that challenge the legality of General Public Licenses. In early 2004, SCO sent a position letter to members of the U.S. Congress to promote their case, which is currently in federal courts. The USENIX response letter refuting SCO's claims was sent to USENIX members, members of Congress, and the media. The text of the letter was included in the April 2004 issue of *;login:* and on the USENIX Web site.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS
The next scheduled Board meeting will be Sunday, June 27, 2004, at the Annual Technical Conference in Boston, MA. The newly elected Board members will be invited to attend, and they will take office at the conclusion of the meeting.

USENIX STRATEGY MEETING
On March 1, 2004, the Board of Directors met with several long-time members, staff, and past Board members to

discuss future direction for USENIX. The discussion focused on who the USENIX constituency is, what the organization has done successfully in the past, and areas that may be worth investigating. The following actions were decided upon:

- USENIX will research co-hosting conferences with groups from other disciplines, such as bioinformatics, law, and physics.
- USENIX will investigate holding regional training events.
- The USENIX Awards Committee will look into offering a "Most Influential Presentation" award to honor those who've introduced groundbreaking technology at USENIX conferences.
- USENIX will look into how best to approach advocacy on issues of relevance to the membership.

Influencing the Field

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Remember that class or book or paper that changed the way you looked at things?

The USENIX Board has asked me to organize a new award. This would be for the **Most Influential Paper of Ten Years Ago**.

Not the "best" paper, necessarily. But the one you feel has had the widest and most profound influence.

This first time, all papers offered in 1993 or 1994 are eligible. (Most of them are on the USENIX Web site.)

If it was delivered at a workshop, a symposium, a LISA, or an annual Technical Meeting, it's eligible.

Send me your nominations by 1 August. I'll put the **short list** in the October *;login:*.

The winner will be announced at a USENIX conference later in 2004.

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